(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether before cutting down trees of the park Government propose to interact with the members of the Residents' Welfare Associations of the area to save those trees;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that there are about 1365 trees and 720 shrubs of different species in Nehru Place Greens. There is no proposal to cut down the trees. The area developed as green will be maintained as green only.

(c) to (f) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

Low cost housing for the poor in Karnataka

4630. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated and spent with a view to providing low cost housing for the poor in the country for the past three years;

(b) the amount sanctioned and released to Karnataka State for the construction of low cost houses during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that poor quality of work is an alarming factor in the State and the beneficiaries are not going to enjoy the fruit of various housing schemes in the State; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take for improvement of quality of houses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) and (b) National Housing and Habitat Policy, 1998 envisages the role of a facilitator in housing activity for the Central Government. However, Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO), a public sector enterprise under this Ministry, provides affordable housing finance for housing schemes including those for the weaker sections of the society. The details of HUDCO's operations for Economically Weaker Section/Low Income Group in both Urban and Rural areas throughout the country and in the State of Karnataka during last three years is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has not received any complaints regarding bad quality construction of its financed schemes so far. HUDCO only provides the financial support. Implementation of work is done under the supervision of the local authorities.

Statement

HUDCO's operations for EWS/LIG housing in the country during last three years in Urban and Rural areas

Year	Loan Allocated* for EWS/LIG (Rs. in crore)	Loan Sanctioned for EWS/LIG (Rs. in crore)	Dwelling Units Sanctioned for EWS/LIG	Amount Released (Rs. in crore)
2000-2001	962.50	1755.26	29,92,535	4829.00
2001-2002	632.54	1086.77	6,26,651	4661.00
2002-2003	1155.00	958.99	6,96,675	8179.00

HUDCO's operations for EWS/LIG housing in Karnataka during last three years in Urban and Rural areas.

Year	Loan Allocated* for EWS/LIG (Rs. in crore)	Loan Sanctioned for EWS/LIG (Rs. in crore)	Dwelling Units Sanctioned for EWS/LIG	Amount Released (Rs. in crore)
2000-2001	43.59	358.78	4,88,472	612.19
2001-2002	37.84	378.45	1,55,343	837.29
2002-2003	68.48	552.19	3,09,766	1828.31

*Allocation is the target fixed by HUDCO itself.

Urban transport services in cities

4631. SHRI R. P. GOENKA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that detailed plan has been worked out to improve urban transport services in various cities.

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the specific cities to be covered in different phases of the project;